

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

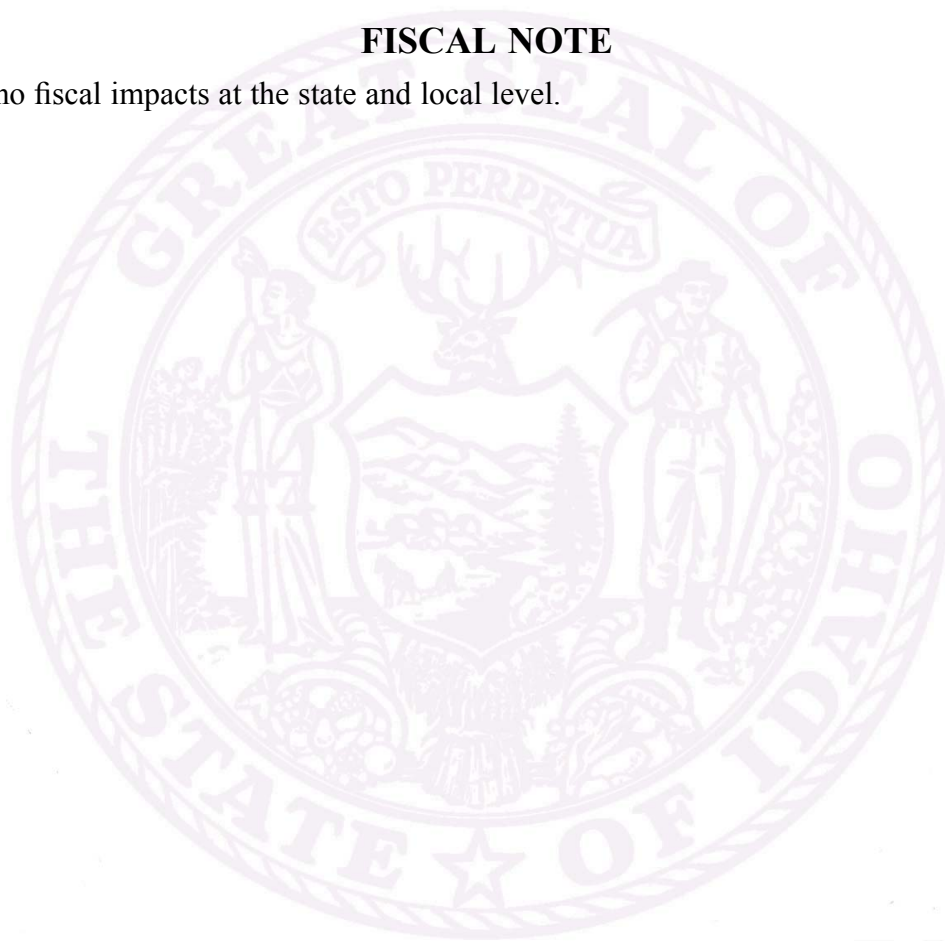
RS24393

Currently voters may request an absentee ballot to be mailed to them up to 5:00 pm on the sixth day preceding an election. Recently, the United States Post Office has restructured its postal services in Pocatello, and is expected to make similar changes in Boise in the coming years. These changes do not allow for enough time for the county clerks to mail the ballot to the voter, for the voter to vote, and for the voter to mail the ballot back to the elections office in time to be counted. In short, the six days allowed by statute are insufficient.

This legislation increases the current 6 days to 11 days to allow for adequate mailing time.

FISCAL NOTE

There are no fiscal impacts at the state and local level.



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